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BYUSA hopefuls seek change

Provo needs Y input, Dellenbach, Lord say

By AMANDA CRESAP
University Staff Writer

BYUSA president and vice president candidates Dan Dellenbach and Angie Lord are looking to increase BYU students' voice in the community by supporting the election of a BYU student to the Provo City Council.

The Dellenbach/Lord platform includes issues that concern city government because they are issues affecting the student body of BYU.

Adam Clark, a campaign assistant for Dellenbach and Lord, has researched the feasibility of a BYU student running for a position on the Provo City Council.

"When students leave campus, there isn't good student representation in the community. Issues like parking on the streets and zoning affect students, yet we don't have a say on the decisions that are made," Clark said.

There are seven positions on the City Council. Four positions are district positions, and the other three are city-wide positions. Clark feels that a BYU student could run for, and win, a city-wide position.

The Municipal Government and Legislative Code of Provo City states that in order to run for a city-wide position, a candidate must be a resident of Provo for the 12 consecutive months prior to the election, a registered voter, 18 years old and willing to hold the position for a period of four years.

Any registered voter may be nominated for municipal

office by submitting a petition signed by either 25 residents of the municipality who are at least 18 years old, or 20 percent of the residents of the municipality who are at least 18 years old.

There are about 15,000 Utah residents attending BYU that can register to vote for city council elections, Clark said.

The general voter registration requirements found in section 20A-2-101 of the Provo City Election Code state the eligibility for voting registration. Any person may apply to register to vote who is a citizen of the United States, who has been a resident of Utah for at least the 30 days immediately before the election and who will be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

A resolution was approved at the January 7 Provo Municipal Council Meeting that appointed BYUSA representative Amanda Dalton as a liaison between BYUSA and the Provo Municipal Council.

"We want more pull," Clark said. "We want to help and support a student to run and be voted in."

Many BYU students are registered, yet they don't vote in city elections because they do not feel they have a voice, Clark said. "We want to use the resources of BYU to get the word out and campaign on campus for a candidate to run."

Dellenbach is in full support of the issue and he feels the seat on the Provo City Council can be held by either a BYU student or a member of the community that is concerned about BYU student issues.

"We are going to have to campaign in November and get two to three thousand students to vote in the elections," Dellenbach said. "If the individuals running know we can get two to three thousand votes, they will have to come up with BYU-friendly issues."

Anderson, Bowers want focus change

By AMANDA CRESAP
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The election platform of Dallin Anderson and Brian Bowers is the stepping-off point to a more successful and focused BYUSA.

Anderson feels BYUSA is a great service organization with an inspired mission, but the service association needs some help. "I think that the role of BYUSA is trivialized and that is how students see it," Anderson said.

Personal concern for the welfare of BYU students as they prepare for life after graduation is the main focus of the Anderson/Bowers campaign. "The charge of BYUSA is to serve 27,000 students. Our concern is to help continue the development of character and leadership for the individual that attends this university," Anderson said.

Anderson and Bowers feel the role of BYUSA president and vice president is to take BYUSA from being good and turn it into a professional organization that meets its charge.

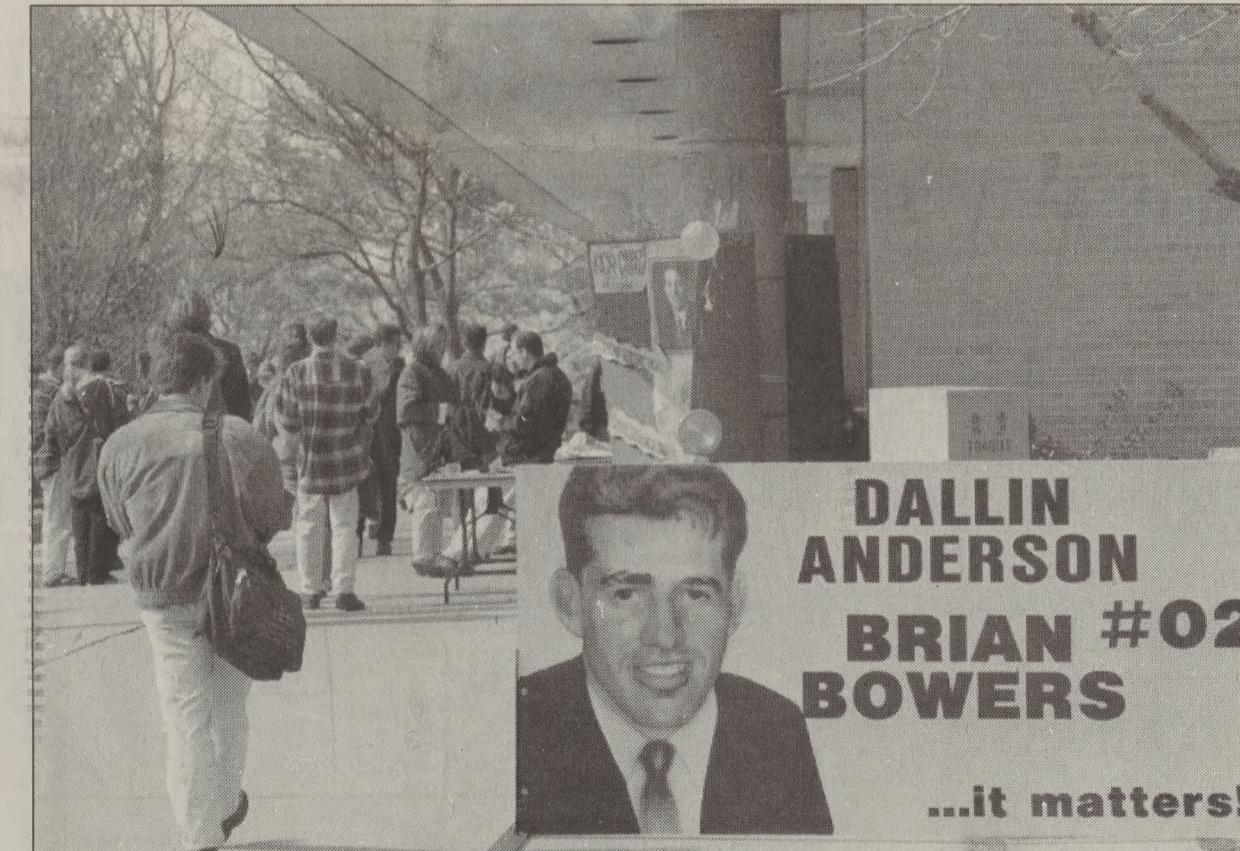
Anderson and Bowers notice some problems within BYUSA they intend to help improve upon. "Some still don't see how important the association can be. We haven't risen to the level that we ought to be at," Anderson said.

"Part of the problem is the training. The vision of BYUSA needs to be re-established. I don't think the church gives thousands and thousands of dollars to plan a dance. We are expected to help refine students and round-out their university experience," Anderson said.

"We believe that the students who come to this campus are serious students — serious about education and preparing for life. They want to have a good time, but not at the expense of meaningful growth. We intend to do both," Anderson said.

Anderson thinks many students do not understand BYUSA and students are unimpressed with the service association. "I think students will give BYUSA more credibility when we do things that deserve that credibility," Anderson said.

Anderson and Bowers have compiled their platform issues from 50 pages of items needing attention. The candidates feel one of the biggest needs of the university is a central means of publicity for the student body to draw from.



TRUST ME: Students walk by a Dallin Anderson/Brian Bowers poster just east of the Harold B. Lee Library. Anderson and Bowers

believe BYUSA needs a jump start. "The vision of BYUSA needs to be re-established," Anderson said.

Website sells essays, alarms colleges

with their essays. The website warns the essays are "for coaching, ideas and emulation; not plagiarism."

But the potential for abuse alarms some college admissions officials who say the essay service is greater since the essays are available online.

In a Dec. 9 article published in the Boston Globe, some college officials said they're preparing to fight back against the potential abuse of the system that could be caused by students who use services such as IvyEssays.

"It's rather sleazy," said Michael Behnke, undergraduate admissions director at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "It undermines a process that is based on trust."

Jill Fadule, director of admissions for the MBA program at Harvard, said "You can be sure we'll be buying the essays ourselves and becoming very familiar with them."

According to the Globe article, Fadule and other Harvard administrators pressured the Harvard Business School students to shut down a website selling copies of their colleagues' essays. Kaufman's "IvyEssays" site was modeled on the Harvard students' closed site.

"He's not trying to promote any abuse of the system," Lee said. "He is not promoting plagiarism."

Rush Sumpter, director of the BYU Honor Code Office, said students should be careful of sources from which they obtain information to write essays.

"In terms of general honesty and the eternal principle I think it's important that students do nothing that would give a deceptive perception of their achievement," Sumpter said. "When we deceive someone, we really

deceive ourselves."

Sumpter said that sources like IvyEssays can be helpful if evaluated first.

"What's the difference between reading a research paper and reading a chapter in a book or an article. All of those can be sources of information. Given today's electronic media, students ought to take advantage of it," Sumpter said. "The question I have is has the student evaluated the source. How good is it?"

Sumpter said a source like IvyEssays may be difficult to evaluate in terms of accuracy of information provided. "How good of a research agency is this agency?" Sumpter said. "If I'm not making that evaluation, I'm not being a very good scholar."

Sumpter said that BYU has a strict policy against taking someone else's work and trying to pass it off as your own.

"That has something to say about my own value of my self-worth. Do I care enough about putting my name on a paper that might have poor information, yet is information that I obtained from a questionable source."

Sumpter said plagiarism and violations of academic honesty at BYU are handled on the first level by the professor of the course.

"We want to see if there's a pattern," Sumpter said. "We would be the people that draw it together."

According to Sumpter, decisions that affect the outcome in a course are made by faculty members. Decisions that affect the student's future in the university are made by the Honor Code Office.

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Y not immune to rape, counselors, police say

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Students may think they are immune from a national trend in acquaintance rape, more commonly known as date rape, because of the lifestyle and environment at BYU.

"I don't think date rape happens in this college community. We're gentle-

men. Our friends are gentlemen. We treat our dates like ladies," said Justin Klomp, a senior from Littleton, Colo., majoring in finance.

Although that description applies to the majority of men, said Marleen Williams, a clinical psychologist at the BYU Counseling Center, that attitude is not universal.

"There is definitely date rape in the community involving students. It happens. There is no doubt about that," Williams said. "I suspect it's more prevalent here than we know."

There are 95 to 100 rapes reported in Utah County each year, according to Utah crime reports. However, studies show that only one of eight rapes are actually reported to authorities, said Sgt. Dave Adams, a 6-year veteran of the University Police.

This indicates that there are potentially 800 rapes in Utah County each year. And this number is increasing.

"The number of rapes is starting to go up, because more aggressive men are moving in to the area," Adams said. "These men know they'll get a fresh crop of women each year as new freshmen begin their university experience. They know that the novelty and freedom of college life makes these women more susceptible to be taken advantage of."

Awareness and education about rape within the community is essential.

"We need to be aware that there are predators out there," said Jean Taylor Scott, coordinator of Women's Services and Resources at BYU. "Where would you find a higher concentration of trusting women than at BYU?"

For that reason, Adams spends nine to 10 hours per week in P.E. classes and firesides, educating students about date rape.

"I feel that it's that important to educate," Adams said. "A lot of people don't even realize that what happened to them was rape. Anytime that someone has sex with you without your consent, no matter how far you were willing to go up to that point, they have raped you."

"Every time I give a talk, someone will come up after and tell me that they have been victimized," Adams said.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

SLC teacher booked in drug plot

SALT LAKE CITY — A substitute teacher remained in Salt Lake County Jail Wednesday, booked for investigation of conspiracy to distribute drugs and possessing drug paraphernalia.

"Gayle Sutton, 42, had not been charged with a crime, but was being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail Wednesday afternoon, a jailer confirmed."

Granite District police chief Jerry Nielsen said a woman reportedly gave an eighth-grade Thomas Jefferson Junior High math class a number they could call for marijuana. He said that number turned out to be the teacher's home phone number.

Nielsen said the teacher was discussing drug use with five students Friday when she asked the students if they took drugs. She allegedly then said she could "get them some for a good price," the chief said.

Shortly after the alleged offer was made, five students told an assistant principal, who turned the matter over to officers from the district's police department.

Sutton, who has been employed by the district since the spring of 1992, was taken into custody Friday without incident.

8th-grader gets perfect SAT score

MONTGOMERY, Ohio — Nathan Herold first took the Scholastic Assessment Test when he was in the seventh grade, and scored a highly respectable 1,390. This January, as an eighth-grader, he aced it with a perfect 1,600.

"I thought I might be able to get a better score," the 14-year-old said Tuesday.

Of the more than 2 million students who took it during the 1995-96 school year, only 545 earned a perfect 1,600, said Tom Ewing, spokesman for Educational Testing Service, of Princeton, N.J., which administers the SAT for the College Board.

"It's unusual for a high-school junior to do it. So for a seventh- or eighth-grader, it's truly exceptional," Ewing said.

Nathan hasn't decided yet what to where his achievements will take him.

"I'm really good at math," he said. "I don't know where that could lead. And I'm sort of interested in law."

Police ask ex-beauty queen for aid

DENVER — Police investigating the slaying of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey consulted a former Miss America from Colorado who says she was molested as a child by her own father.

The topics discussed included incest, Marilyn Van Derbur Atler said Wednesday. "I was absolutely used as a resource," she said, declining to comment further on the specific questions asked.

"She was asked to provide us with insight on the case because she was a noted expert on several areas of interest to us," said Kelvin McNeil, Boulder city spokesman.

Atler was crowned Miss America in 1958. In 1991, at age 53, she went public with her story of being sexually abused by her millionaire father between the ages of 5 and 18. She is now a spokeswoman on the issue of incest.

JonBenet, the 1995 Little Miss Colorado, was found strangled in the basement of her family's Boulder home Dec. 26. Her autopsy revealed she may have been sexually assaulted.

Ford recalls 27,553 Expeditions

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. is recalling 27,553 Expeditions because of poor welds that potentially could cause drivers to lose control of the big sport utility vehicles.

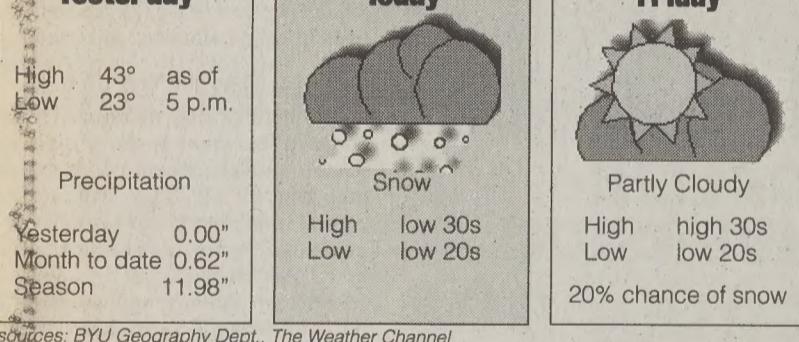
Only Expeditions built between March 1 and Oct. 10 of 1996 are affected. Ford said Wednesday that 1,639 of the 27,553 vehicles are being recalled in Canada.

There have been no reported accidents or injuries as a result of the weld problem, company spokeswoman Karen Shaughnessy said.

Ford said that in some cases, certain welds at two spots in the suspension system may separate, causing the frame and body to move sideways and affect driver control. If only one of the welds separated, drivers could experience some sway during lane changes but control would not be affected, the automaker said.

The Expedition, which was introduced last year, is one of Ford's fastest-selling vehicles.

Weather



Clinton defends tactics

Associated Press



LEGAL WAVE: President Clinton waves to supporters at a National Democratic Committee Saxophone Club reception in Denver last July. Holly Barnes, who introduced him, cheers him on.

president in '92," Clinton said. "But some people did come and stay with me who helped me, and I think that's entirely appropriate."

"I don't think people who support you and help you through tough times and who believe in what you're doing should be disqualified from being the president's guest at the White House," he said.

He said the costs were not paid by taxpayers. And he denied that any fund-raising activities came close to skirting — or went over — the line of what is legal.

"We got strict advice about — legal advice about — what the rules were, and everyone involved knew what the rules were," the president said. "Did we hope that the people that came there would support me ... particularly after we got into a political season? ... Of course we did."

Despite administration characterizations to the contrary, memos from two former senior aides to Clinton — Harold Ickes and Evelyn Lieberman — refer to Democratic National

Child poisonings can be prevented

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OPINION

Leave cloning to the movies

With the announcement that a lamb named Dolly has become the first mammal clone, it seems some of the sci-fi shows like the "X-Files" and "Star Trek" may not be so far-fetched after all. But can we even begin to really address the cloning issue — and agree on regulation or solutions — in a practical way? Or will we end up dealing with the issue as unrealistically as TV shows or sci-fi movies?

The reality is scientists still have a long way to go before they can efficiently create clones. Past attempts at cloning frogs and mice have failed. This latest breakthrough is being attributed to the fact that there is apparently something different about sheep — although no one knows what it is. But even with sheep, cloning isn't as easy as it sounds: Dolly the lamb was the only birth out of 277 fused and implanted eggs.

Still, this "achievement" raises many questions: Will scientists experiment with cloning humans? Will they one day try to create a new species of "humans"? Should scientists even be allowed to try and clone humans — or even animals? The ethical questions are endless.

This breakthrough in cloning is being heralded as a step forward for "factory farming." For example, dairy farmers are optimistic they could clone cows that resist disease and efficiently produce milk — thus creating a sort of "super-race" of cows.

Are scientists going to rationalize in the same manner when it comes to human clones and attempt to create the "perfect" human specimen — an Amazonian physique with a high IQ and immune to all diseases?

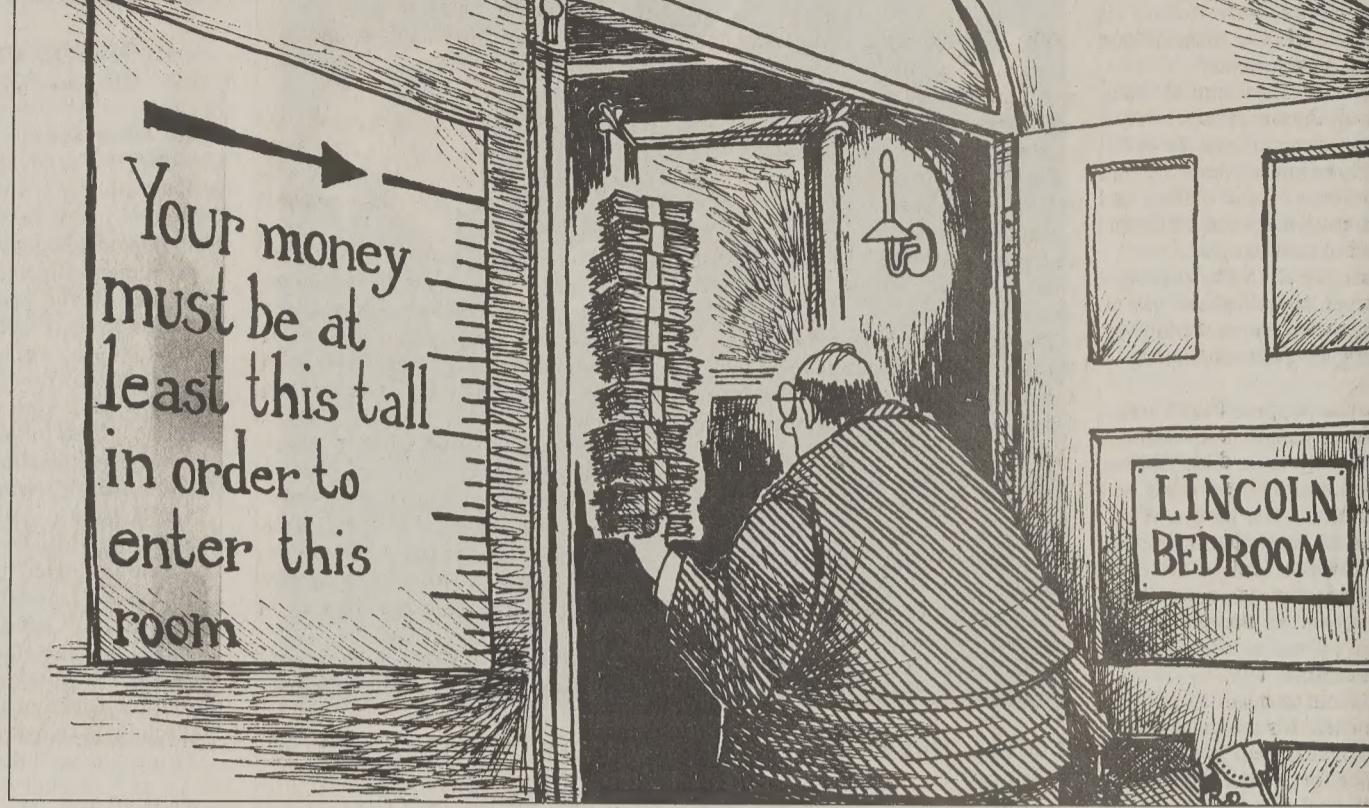
Where will the line be drawn — and how would it even be regulated? Are we going to need to check out a couple of "Star Trek" scripts dealing with the "Prime Directive" for some serious insight?

The Biotechnology Industry Organization, which represents about 700 companies and research centers, said they opposed human cloning when it was just theory, and now that it is possible, they urge that it be prohibited by law. And animal rights groups like the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals aren't particularly optimistic that cloned animals will be better off than ones created the old-fashioned way.

There are too many questions raised by cloning that we can never even begin to answer — ethical problems we will never solve or agree upon. It would be better to continue watching the cloning issue unfold in science-fiction epics, than having to deal with the actual, real-life horrors.

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Readers' Forum

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Fight against tobacco

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The Feb. 12 Daily Universe featured an article telling of the terrible human costs of tobacco. As noted in the article, tobacco consumption directly contributes to the deaths of 400,000 people each year in the U.S. The tobacco industry is very predatorial as it appeals to the young, the less educated, and the third world. It is ironic the industry claims choosing to smoke is a decision to be made by adults, but that it gains its new addicts primarily among the young.

Each day, 3000 young people in the U.S. become regular smokers. The problem is probably of greater magnitude in most other parts of the world than it is in the U.S. We are faced with a terrible dilemma because it is legal (by default) to manufacture, advertise, and sell this deadly product. There is a need to have our elected representatives confront the industry that actively engages in promoting this product.

We have an opportunity, even a responsibility, to initiate legislative action on a broad front because of the wide representation at BYU from all states in the U.S. and from many nations. We can each write to our elected officials in all levels of government and ask them to find ways to (1) restrict advertising of tobacco products to point of sale, (2) eliminate advertising that appeals to the young, (3) limit access to tobacco products by requiring age verification, (4) prohibit vending machine sales and free samples of tobacco products, (5) reflect increased health care costs for tobacco users in their insurance premiums, (6) provide regular and ongoing education about the dangers of tobacco for the young from the elementary through secondary years, (7) discontinue federal subsidies for tobacco growing, and (8) cease promotion of American tobacco products in other countries. Please make the effort to write.

Seriously guys, let's give our own a little respect. Even the Olympic games pause to honor world record breakers.

what I am concerned. I then rarely if ever see the person again. If I do see them they wouldn't know me from Adam.

I find the platforms produced by the different candidates to be a bunch of nebulous promises and ideas. I would like to say that I am not apathetic about the elections but I really couldn't care less who wins. I have not seen the difference produced by one person or another. I would like to hope that the effort is not in vain. I know someone will write back to this letter in a big huff that I would dare mock the sacred cow of student-body elections. I hope so. I would like to hear I am mistaken and there really is a difference made by the people professing to be my friend for a few minutes.

arrived to speak on the Holocaust. It was an understandably (and predictably) event. But, to the shock of none, the savers arrived in force to reserve that seat for a dozen or so bosom buddies who would be arriving 15 minutes after the lecture (or more often, never).

More amazing to me than the kindish territorial skirmishes was that no organizers of the event dared say beforehand to help straighten out the — that is, until all the aisle-squatters ample standing had already been impaled in the auditorium. Somehow I missense of their timing.

I realize this is a theme and past reoccurred each year at devotions, forward meetings, and even lectures on I know it's touchy, but queues and simply part of university life. A little will go a long way toward convincing tile friends we are not in fact descended Australopithecus africanus, as is believed. If you want a seat, come early that the indefinite article 'a' denotes the lar.)

'Schindler's List' offers

Gerilyn Merrill
Provo

Are we mistaken, or was there a WORLD RECORD broken by BYU's Tiffany Lott last Thursday? The reason we have to ask is that the only reference we found in Monday's Daily Universe was little two column article on the second page of the sports section. We don't know about the Daily Universe sports staff, but when someone from our school breaks a world record set by Jackie Joyner-Kersey, we definitely feels she deserves front page recognition.

If Jackie Joyner-Kersey, whom some have called the world's greatest female athlete, were to visit BYU, don't you think she would get a front-page spot? So why did you tuck Tiffany Lott away where no one except cover readers would discover her?

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The saga of seat-saving

Vaughn Hughes
Hillsboro, Oregon

In four years at the BYU, I can't say I'm entirely surprised students' favorite old pastime rages unabated. For many the game of seat saving was forbidden at an early age by parents, teachers, and other authority figures. This taboo went right along with taking cuts in line, saving places in line, chit-chatting during the symphony performance, sticking gum to the underside of one's desk, leaving used newspapers artfully scattered in lecture halls, and so forth. "Why?", we often asked.

Manners, etiquette, politeness, civility. Yes, yes, we've heard all that before. And yet as often as these things happen here at our university of peculiar people, I still have not become accustomed to them. As time wears on, they seem more and more disturbing.

Having survived a chronic history of back-breaking, our camel most recently experienced a broken back with the straw placed on it the evening of Feb. 19. Much to the gleeful surprise of BYU, a very large crowd began flooding the Joseph Smith Building Auditorium long before Kuba and Helen Beck



Viewpoint

Tobacco tax won't help

Two slightly tarnished dimes lie on the pavement; people pass and notice the coins, but they are too dirty to pick up ... they are not even worth the effort to bend-over. What's twenty cents worth, anyway?

Those two dimes, when multiplied by each pack of cigarettes sold in Utah, are projected to amount to approximately \$15.8 million in tax revenue. But where will those dollars go? A whopping \$250,000 will be appropriated for a one-year anti-tobacco media campaign, but compared to the millions of tax dollars collected from the tax increase, \$250,000 is only a small percentage.

The bill was intended to deter underage smokers from starting or continuing their habit. The legislature predicted that the original plan for a 25-cent increase would decrease the teen smoking rate by 14 percent. How do they know?

The legislature couldn't know for sure — how could they? Though the legislature's motives may appear pure and honorable, the bill is far-fetched and idealistic. The bill is really nothing but a "feel-good" law. It will make the legislature feel like they are cracking down on underage smoking while exerting minimal effort on their part.

It will take more than 20 cents to keep most teens with the propensity to smoke from smoking. One girl, a sixteen-year-old smoker from Timpanogos High School, said most people who are not old enough to buy cigarettes just burn them from friends.

A 22-year-old male, at the same location, said, "Can you imagine someone quitting smoking because they cost just an extra 20 cents?" He started smoking in California at the legal age of 18.

Apparently, teens are not having a problem getting cigarettes and with nicotine as addictive as it is, 20 cents is hardly a deterrent. So

what is the point of the 20 cent hike?

It seems to be that smokers are merely a legislative scapegoat. Eric Smith, a BYU legislative intern, said in a Daily Universe article, "If the appropriations committee doesn't put the money into tobacco related programs, they will be committing political suicide."

Political suicide, indeed. A portion of the tax dollars appropriated from the hike will pay for road improvements in preparation for the 2002 Olympics. The 2002 Olympics is definitely a worthy recipient of Utah's tax dollars.

Smokers will not be the sole benefactors of the Olympic Games and therefore, do not deserve to pay more than the average taxpayer to cover the Olympic tab.

Of course, money for Utah's roads and for the Olympics needs to come from somewhere, and by taxing an isolated group of citizens — the smokers — the legislature can raise revenue without threatening their chance for re-election or upsetting a significant number of their constituents.

Despite non-smokers constant efforts to punish tobacco users for their foul habit, smokers, whether they are adults or under 19, are not evil or immoral, and do not deserve to pay more money in taxes, for things that the entire community will benefit from.

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Friendly for a vote

Mike Malstrom
Rexburg, Idaho

I was walking past the library headed towards the Spencer W. Kimball Tower. A well dressed attractive lady approached me, began to walk with me, and asked my name. (My arrogant side wanted to believe it was because she had seen me and fallen helplessly in love with me. This was my hope but I was slapped out of my dream when I saw fliers in her hand.)

She asked me if I had ever heard of a particular candidate (who will remain nameless for protection of the candidate). I informed her that indeed I had heard of the candidate before. Her next statement surprised me "So you're going to vote for him then." I just sort of mumbled and nodded my head in an indignant way. She then left my side.

As I continued my walk to the SWKT, a candidate with a PA system hanging off his shoulder walked past me. One of his friends came up gave him a high-five and proceeded to announce over the PA to vote for this particular candidate.

These experiences left an impression on me. I couldn't help thinking that I have been involved in similar conversations for the past four years of university and six years before as well. I have been approached by someone who said "Hi my name is _____ and I am running for _____ What is your name? (usually the _____s are filled in with a name and a position respectively.)

A short conversation then ensues, where my name is used profusely. The conversation usually ends with the familiar phrase, "vote for me for _____ (the blank is usually filled by the title at the beginning of the conversation)." We both then walk our respective paths.

Yes, I just had a conversation with a very amiable person, but I would bet that my name was lost within a few seconds of the parting, my name was lost upon their lips.

I always feel used after such a conversation. Someone seems to care very intently about

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Manners, etiquette, politeness, civility. Yes, yes, we've heard all that before. And yet as often as these things happen here at our university of peculiar people, I still have not become accustomed to them. As time wears on, they seem more and more disturbing.

Having survived a chronic history of back-breaking, our camel most recently experienced a broken back with the straw placed on it the evening of Feb. 19. Much to the gleeful surprise of BYU, a very large crowd began flooding the Joseph Smith Building Auditorium long before Kuba and Helen Beck

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Students produce national newsletter

Editor's note: This is the second story in a three-part series about the public relations program at BYU.

By REBECCA SHAW
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"Somehow it came together, although I must say that I could not have done this by myself," Starkweather said. "The success of this paper has been the doing of a whole staff of very dedicated individuals who spent many late nights working on this newsletter."

At one point Starkweather and his staff went on a 24-hour, non-stop sprees without breaks or sleep.

The staff's diligence paid off when the recent newsletter was labeled "the best edition of all time" by Elaine Averick, national PRSSA director.

BYU's recent Forum staff was composed of seven public relations majors: Starkweather; sophomore Laurie Fisher, managing editor from Tustin, Calif.; senior Michael Griffith, co-layout editor from Littleton, Colo.; Senior Curtis Larsen, co-layout editor from Preston, Idaho; senior Susan Coltrin, copy editor from Chappaqua, N.Y.; junior Travis Murdock, photographer from Provo; and sophomore Julie Bradford, circulation manager from Bountiful.

Griffith said BYU's Forum staff "expected to do their best with the limited time" and resources.

"Our staff was full of people that wouldn't settle for a mediocre publication," Griffith said.

Larsen said he joined Forum's staff because it was "an incredible tool to use for portfolio work."

Experiences like Forum also enable public relations students to become more confident in their professional abilities, he said.

Starkweather and Fisher have utilized a BYU focus group's input as well as input from approximately 20 other universities to make "big changes" in the next edition.

Much attention will be focused on Forum's Internet version. As the current web editor, Larsen intends



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to upgrade the Forum website for future users.

Larsen said BYU's Forum staff will produce a "Jobweb" as well as an improved version of what is currently available on the Net.

Jobweb is comprised of a worldwide directory of internships and job listings.

Additional developments will include an interactive version of the latest edition of

Forum and archives.

Starkweather's staff is also recruiting advertisers for the upcoming Forum issues.

The addition of ads will divert from Forum's traditional appearance.

Four public relations majors have been enlisted for the second Forum issue: senior Paul Walker, from Monticello, replaced Coltrin as

copy editor/layout assistant; senior Noelle Barker, staff reporter from Seattle, Wash., who has attended BYU for four years; junior Jared Capson, staff reporter from South Windsor, Conn.; sophomore Barbara Ackroyd, occupational research specialist from British Columbia; and senior Michael Smart, copy editing assistant from Woodbridge, Va.

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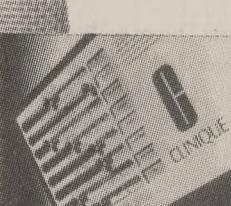
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Hot line aims to help couples stay married

By BECKY EVANS
University Staff Writer

Hoping to help prevent divorce and heed President Gordon B. Hinckley's message to "reach out with a helping hand to those whose marriages have become troubled," Brent Barlow established the divorce intervention hot line.

The hot line that Barlow, associate professor of family science, recently established offers helpful and practical coaching about how to save a marriage.

Barlow was motivated to start the hot line after listening to President Hinckley's comments at the Sept. 17, 1996, Devotional.

"Affairs in the home must not be neglected," said President Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "Almost without exception, each case involves deception, dishonesty, broken promises, violated covenants, heartbreak and tragedy. Begin with your own home to preserve the sanctity of your marriage, the eternity of your covenants, and the happiness which comes when there is love and security and trust in the family. Put the comfort and happiness of your companion and children ahead of your own and reach out with a helping hand to those whose marriages have become troubled," he said.

Upon hearing this statement, Barlow realized the opportunity he had to help troubled marriages with a hot line.

Callers do not receive counseling over the phone, stresses Barlow, rather they are coached by students using the methods found in Michelle Weiner-Davis' book "Divorce Busting." The caller discusses with their student-coach the basic ideas found in the book.

One of the primary theories discussed in this book is the change-first principle. "Small but significant changes in a troubled marriage, can, without a doubt, turn things around dramatically," writes Weiner-Davis. The vital message of the book is that to change your marriage, you must first change yourself.

Many husbands, for example, complain that their wives nag. Husbands could use the change-first principle to interpret the messages their wives are sending in a different way. Instead of identifying nagging as a negative thing, if they realize that their wife communicates in this way because they want to be closer to them, for example, they can make significant changes in their marital relationship.

To facilitate these changes, specific goals are necessary. Goals help people envision what they want to accomplish and help make dreams become realities, Weiner-Davis writes.

Readers of the book are encouraged to make action-oriented goals. A couple should not just make a goal to be less selfish. Weiner-Davis suggests that the couple make these goals become realities by setting specific actions as their goals. Couples who

want to be less selfish, for example, could make a goal to check with each other before making plans, or to ask each other what they want to do on the weekends.

The book informs readers about solution-based therapy.

"We do not require extensive personal and social histories to solve problems. Instead ... we focus on the present and future to help couples generate solutions to the current problems they are experiencing," writes Weiner-Davis.

This type of therapy gives couples hope that they don't have to be influenced by their past, said Heather Zahn, a senior majoring in psychology teaching from Tracy, Calif. She is volunteer at the hot line.

Zahn went through a divorce one year ago. She went to many different counselors hoping to find one who would help her save her marriage. Instead of helping Zahn find solutions, counselors simply identified the problems that she was already painfully aware of.

In desperation, Zahn resorted to other methods of help. She sought out books and literature about divorce prevention, and came across two books that the hot line now recommends; "Divorce Busting" and "The Case Against Divorce," by Diane Medved.

Both of these books teach something new, Zahn said.

They are not written with a religious perspective, but they do teach the value of staying in your marriage, Barlow said.

Solution-based therapy focuses on the immediate problem. The therapist will ask the patient what he or she wants to do to change the current situation.

Therapy or counseling is not available by calling the hot line. Individuals who call the hot line can discuss with their coach the different ideas and principles found in Weiner-Davis' book.

After calling the hot line number, callers are greeted with a recorded message and invited to leave their name and number and are promised a return call, which will teach them about marriage coaching. This service is free and can give people new ideas that can help to save their marriage, Zahn said.

The hot line also refers callers to "The Case Against Divorce." This book is well known because of the reasons it gives to stay in marriage. Included in these are staying together for the sake of the children, and staying together because one partner does not want to hurt the other. The book says these reasons don't deserve the bad publicity they often receive.

"Divorce forces you to sever ties with the person that you love the most and the new family you have worked hard to create," Zahn said.

The divorce intervention hot line number is 765-1602. The recorded message shares information about divorce statistics and can provide valuable help to individuals or couples who are struggling in their marriages.

Vocal Point concert to help autistic kids

By LAURIE FISHER
University Staff Writer

At a time when increased research and awareness of autism are desperately needed, Vocal Point is giving a benefit concert on campus Friday night to raise funds for autistic children.

"It's a disease that kills the spirit of both the child and the family," said Lisa Boswell, a graduate student from Provo majoring in audiology who is raising an autistic child.

According to the national institutes of health, two in every 1,000 children are on the autistic spectrum. Children with autism have a developmental disability, but it is not a life-taking disease.

Autism is more frequent than childhood cancer, multiple sclerosis or cystic fibrosis; however, it receives less than five percent of the funding that these diseases do.

Autistic children are often institutionalized because parents do not have the strength to deal with their child's behavioral problems. Depending on the severity of the disease, the problems can range from biting themselves to screaming and running away from being held or touched.

The wide range of symptoms makes diagnosis and treatment of



DISCO FEVER: Vocal Point members show-off their moves and rock the Wilkinson Center at the 1997 a cappella championships. They will perform a benefit concert 7:30 Friday night in 2084 JKHB.

autism a real challenge for doctors. There is no known cure or cause.

For Boswell, autism is an everyday reality as she raises her 6-year-old autistic son. Boswell's son is mute, as are approximately 40 percent of autistics. Fortunately, the Boswells can communicate with him through sign language, but not all mute children respond to it, she said.

Boswell has taken an active approach by becoming a member of the Cure Autism Now international parent advisory board.

CAN is a foundation of both a scientific work group and an international parent advisory board dedicated to motivating the growth of scientific research and fund raising.

"There is a part of autism that is truly a nightmare. No parent should have to go through that nightmare," Boswell said. "I think that for the autism community, sometimes it's very easy to feel overwhelmed and alone. A concert like this can not only generate funds, but also a sense of community and show that other

people want to help."

The campus chapter of National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) is sponsoring the event in connection with CAN.

Vocal Point will do about seven benefit concerts this year. Most of the money will be given to CAN for research for autism.

The Vocal Point concert is Friday at 7:30 p.m. in 2084 JKHB. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at the door.

West, Islam remain divided

By LIN LIAN ONG
University Staff Writer

Islam's major premise is that it is integral to and the culmination of the Judeo-Christian scriptural tradition, said Walid Khalidi, a senior research fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard, at the International Forum Tuesday.

"Of course there are major doctrinal differences between Islam and Christianity, as there are equally between Judaism and Christianity, on the self-same cardinal concepts of the Trinity, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. But it is the same God that the three faiths worship," Khalidi said. This makes Jerusalem "thrice holy."

However, the control of Jerusalem has led to conflict between the West and Islam ever since 638 A.D., when local Christian Arabs aided Muslim Arabs in capturing Jerusalem from the Byzantine Christians.

The international community, including the United States, has never explicitly recognized Israeli sovereignty over West Jerusalem, Khalidi said.

This is because Jewish control of West Jerusalem and the "corridor" linking it to the coast was achieved by military conquest in 1947-48 in violation of the partition resolution that gave birth to the Jewish state, he said.

In the 1967 war, Israel also used its military to conquer and then control East Jerusalem. In both cases, Israel violated International Law as expressed in the U.N. General Assembly partition resolution, Khalidi said.

Since 1967, Israel has attempted to change by force the identity, ownership and demographic balance of East Jerusalem, Khalidi said. Thirty-four percent of the 72 square kilometers of East Jerusalem were expropriated from both Christian

and Muslim Palestinians, with another 8.5 percent earmarked for the exclusive use of Jewish settlers; and 44 percent were declared "unzoned," where Palestinians cannot build.

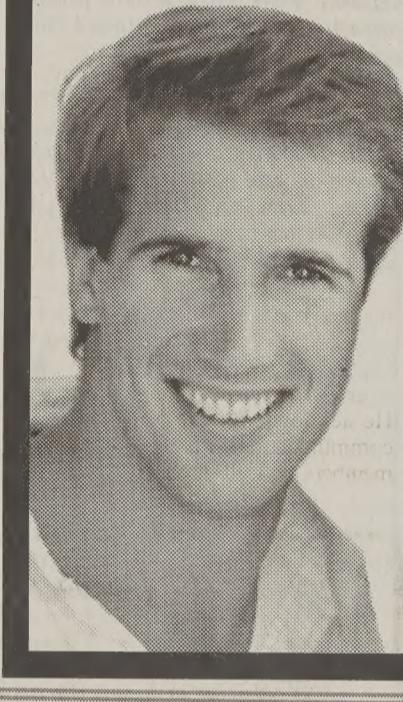
Palestinians in East Jerusalem are also under other Israeli policies and practices which favor the Jews over them.

For example, Jewish settlers in East Jerusalem are exempted from municipal taxes for five years, but no such exemption is accorded to Palestinians; Jewish contractors are permitted to build up to eight stories high, whereas their Palestinian neighborhoods are allowed to be only two stories high.

In September 1996, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave permission for the opening of a tunnel under the Muslim Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem.

This would run along a Muslim holy site, and therefore triggered the "most extensive, costly and dangerous three-day outbreak of violence since the conquest of East Jerusalem in 1967," Khalidi said.

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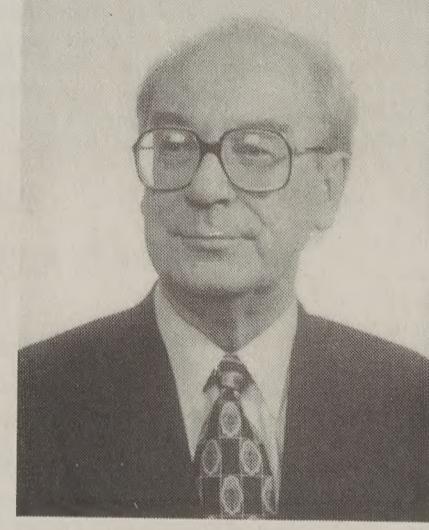
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At-a-Glance

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folic acid reduces spinal birth defects

By SHAUNNA LEAVITT
Universe Staff Writer

Women can significantly reduce the risk of one type of birth defect just by eating a good breakfast, researchers say.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology found that eating foods rich in folic acid helps reduce the risk of neural tube defects, a spinal birth defect that can result in paralysis.

In the United States, about one baby in 1,000 is born with a neural tube defect.

Research indicated that adequate levels of folate in the blood can reduce the risk of a fetus developing a neural tube defect by 72 percent.

The most common neural tube defect is a bifida, which can be crippling. Most neural tube defects result in undeveloped brains, which is fatal.

The problem is that most women don't realize the relationship between

folic acid and neural tube defects," said Judith Brown, professor of epidemiology at the University of Minnesota and the lead author of the study.

While women in their child-bearing years are encouraged to eat a well-balanced diet, this alone will not raise folate — a B-vitamin — to recommended levels in the bloodstream, according to the study.

So where can women get the needed folic acid?

"Almost any cereal, from Cheerios to Corn Flakes to Oat Flakes to Raisin Bran," Brown said.

She said Product 19 and Total have the highest amount. "But always check the label because some cereals aren't fortified with folic acid."

One serving of Total cereal contains 100 percent of the USDA requirement for folate. Most other breakfast cereals, like Wheaties and Cheerios, have at least 25 percent of the daily recommended 4 milligrams of folic acid for women in their child-bearing years.

Memories linger on dated pages

Editor's Note: This is the final article in a three-part series on scrapbooks.

By MICHELLE COOK
Universe Staff Writer

Once the hurdle of starting a scrapbook has been overcome, individual creativity takes over and scrapbookers are able to share ideas with one another.

"Once you get going, then it's easy to keep going," said Melanie Mortensen, a junior majoring in humanities from Farmington. "It's almost a challenge to see how creative you can be with the next page."

Scissors, paper, photos and glue all come together to create personal masterpieces.

"I lay it out according to how I feel," Mortensen said. She said she tries to balance the pages and achieve a simple and classy look, rather than follow a theme.

Other scrapbookers like themes, such as "my friends," "baby's first bath," "pizza party" and "sports."

If the pages tend to look dated or old fashioned after a while, some scrapbookers say all the better.

"Dating [the pages] is important," said Joy Huish, designer and teacher at Pebbles in my Pocket, a scrapbook supply store in Orem.

"If you spread out ten scrapbooks in front of me, I could tell which one my great-grandmother did," Huish said. She said the dating of the pages helps set the time period for the memories.

Coreena White, a senior sociology major from San Diego agreed with this idea. "I already have some (pages) in my first book that are dated," she said.

White explained that even though she can see an improvement in her techniques since she first began scrapbooking, she doesn't go back and change the pages like some people do.

Sharon Murphy, event coordinator for Michael's Arts and Crafts in Orem, said scrapbookers should choose their best photos, rather than using every photo.

Murphy also suggested not "cropping," or cutting off part of the photo. "Save as much of the picture as you can," she said.

Employees at Provo Craft compiled a book of scrapbook ideas, which include:



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CONSTRUCTING MEMORIES: Simple tools like

scissors, glue and hole punches can help create personal masterpieces. Scrapbook experts say not

to redo pages that look old fashioned or dated because the pages are part of the treasured memories.

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Men's Chorus amuses Spokane Hall crowd

By KIMBER KAY
Universe Staff Writer

were spilling onto the stage seven times throughout the Men's Chorus' two-hour performance Tuesday to solo, play an instrument or clown around.

Spokane Hall is a great place to perform, said Mack Wilberg, director of the BYU Men's Chorus.

The group's performance was the second time the choir performed in the hall, directed by Deseret Book. The atmosphere of the concert hall made a difference in the sound of the choir, said Wilberg. "We aren't used to hearing

ourselves sing music set to the words of famous poets, like Walt Whitman's 'O Captain! My Captain!', about the

joyous return of a crew from sea marred by the sorrow of the loss of their beloved captain.

Several songs from Gilbert and Sullivan's musicals were the highlight of the concert. Members of the choir acted out the songs on the front of the stage while the choir sang in perfect unison. In "We Sail the Ocean Blue," swabbers appeared with mops, mopping down everything including the director's balding head.

With ten new songs and many new members this semester, "it's a miracle the concert turned out like it did," Hansen said. Choir members were quick to give credit to the directing of Wilberg. He acknowledges that there is good communication in the choir and choir members are well-disciplined.

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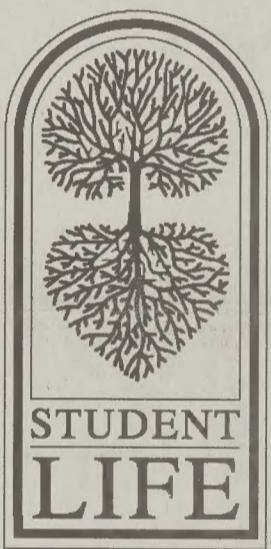
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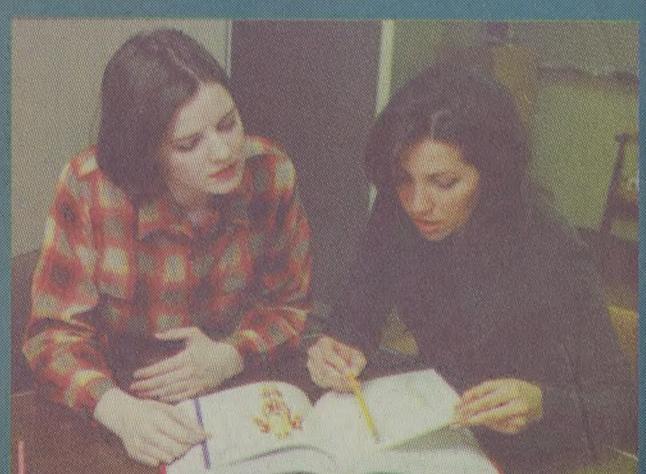
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tennis team sweeps Weber

By DARREN WILCOX
University Sports Writer

BYU men's tennis team swept

Weber State University 7-0

Friday evening, despite competing

without their top player.

Number one singles player Boris

Bakovic did not play in the home

and due to a sore arm but is expect-

ed to be back in action for the

team's weekend road trip to Boise,

Idaho.

"We were a little nervous with

Bakovic out, but we definitely

had the home court advantage," said

Mike Osborne, head coach of the men's

team. "It's always good when

you have a win."

Calvo did not miss a beat without

Bakovic, losing only one set

sweeping the three doubles and

singles matches. It was the sixth

in a row in which BYU has

at least two of the three doubles

wins to capture the one point

for doubles play.

Sophomore Kengo Usui took

Bakovic's place at number one

singles, teaming with sophomore

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defeated WSU's pair of Blair O'Hara

and Brad Rodel 8-2.

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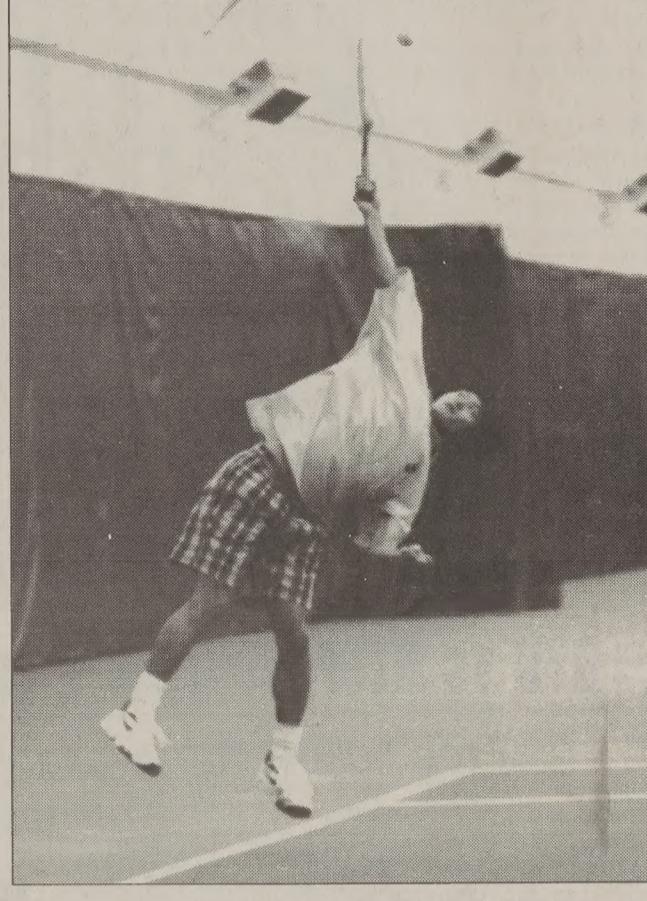
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Calvo's serve and volley game took O'Hara right out of the match, forcing him into several unforced errors. The close score, Calvo said, was due to a slip in his focus. "It is hard to focus when he's not really trying," Calvo said.

Battistone moved up to number two singles and won a tough match 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Delaney played well through the first set but seemed to fall apart in the second as McIntosh turned up his intensity.

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Battistone and Damien Ward

Number three singles saw the match of the night. Ward and Ferguson went three sets before Ward prevailed 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. The match went back and forth with several good volleys. In the third set, Ward broke Ferguson's serve to go up 4-2 and then held on to win the set 6-3.

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Clinton to attend baseball ceremony

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will attend the April 15 ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major-league debut.

Clinton will speak from the field during the fifth inning of the Los Angeles Dodgers' game against the New York Mets at Shea Stadium, baseball officials said. Robinson, who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947-56, broke the major leagues' color barrier when he played his first game on April 15, 1947 against the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

"On the evening of April 15th, the president of the United States will attend the Mets versus Dodgers game up at Shea Stadium, which will honor Jackie Robinson on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his first appearance in the big show," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "Mrs. Robinson and other members of the Robinson family are going to be there."

Robinson, who died in 1972, will be honored in many ceremonies around the major leagues. Acting commissioner Bud Selig and Rachel Robinson — Jackie's widow — will hold a news conference in New York today to announce the plans.

Teams will wear patches this season to commemorate the breakthrough, and they will use special balls with a Robinson logo during their home openers in April.

"Major league baseball is elated that the president has accepted its invitation to celebrate the legacy of Jackie Robinson," Selig said. "It is an important day for the game, as well as the nation, as it signifies the breaking down of one of our society's most significant barriers."

ESPN is expected to broadcast the game nationally, several baseball officials said. Network spokeswoman Diane Lamb said that while the network is interested, it had not made a final decision.

Man to beat in Formula One undecided

LONDON — The 1997 Formula One season, which opens next week in Australia, is being billed as the most competitive in years. But there's little argument about the man to beat.

It's Jacques Villeneuve, runner-up for the world title last year behind Williams-Renault teammate Damon Hill.

Hill has since joined the Arrows-Yamaha team, leaving Villeneuve as the No. 1 driver with Williams and the bookmakers' odds-on favorite for the championship.

Villeneuve, the 1995 Indy Car champion, was a Formula One rookie last season but still won four races. He was self-confident before he ever won a race — and even more so now.

"I know everything now, there is nothing for me to learn," he said. "I just have to adapt a bit and improve what I've learned so far. ... Knowing the tracks will help a lot."

"The first few races, starting in Australia, are the most important. If you can put points in the bag and have a lead, then you can have a race strategy and play on that lead."

As the first race approaches in Melbourne March 9, F1 finds its attention split between the race track and the courtroom. The Williams team is on trial in Italy in connection with the crash that killed three-time champion Ayrton Senna in 1994, in a case with widespread implications.

Mercer chooses pros over Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky's Ron Mercer told the world Wednesday that he will turn pro after the NCAA playoffs, giving up his remaining two years of eligibility.

"I plan to make myself eligible for the NBA draft after this season," Mercer said at a news conference, confirming what coach Rick Pitino said last week.

Mercer, a finalist for the Naismith and RCA player of the year awards, leads the Southeastern Conference in scoring with 18.1 points and averages 5.3 rebounds for the third-ranked Wildcats.

"Certainly Ron Mercer has been someone special for us the past two years," Pitino said. "He helped us win a championship last year. He's been a humble, hard-working player since the day I met him."

The 6-foot-7 sophomore from Nashville, Tenn., recently took out an insurance policy that would pay him \$500,000 if he sustained a career-ending injury the remainder of the season.

Mercer's close friend and teammate, Derek Anderson, suffered a season-ending knee injury on Jan. 18.

"The thing that happened to Derek made me think what could happen to me," Mercer said.

Mercer said he talked with his parents last week about turning pro. He said his mother wanted him to get his education.

"She told me to take some time out and think about it," Mercer said, adding that his other goals were to play for a national championship team and eventually play in the NBA.

Mercer earned SEC player of the week honors for the second time this season when he averaged 23 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.3 assists in victories at Alabama and Vanderbilt.

He was a highly recruited player out of Oak Hill Academy in Virginia, where he was named the Naismith Prep Player of the Year in 1995. He averaged 26.3 points, 6.3 rebounds and three assists.

Mercer started in 12 of 36 games on Kentucky's national championship team last season, averaging eight points and 2.9 rebounds. He scored a season-high 20 points in the title game against Syracuse.

Mercer is the third player under Pitino to turn pro before completing his eligibility, joining Jamal Mashburn in 1993 and Antoine Walker in 1996.

"He's as good as Mashburn and Antoine," Pitino said recently. "Who's going to be the best? The NBA will find out. Not me. I'll never find out."

Skiier says she took drug 'by mistake'

TRONDHEIM, Norway — Russian cross-country skier Lyubov Egorova flunked a drug test during the World Nordic Ski Championships, the International Ski Federation said Wednesday.

FIS secretary general Gianfranco Kasper said Egorova had used the illegal substance Bromantan, considered a stimulant that can also mask the effect of other illegal drugs. It was banned after the Atlanta Olympics.

In a letter Egorova admitted using the substance, claiming she had taken it by mistake, Kasper said.

Egorova won the 5-kilometer classical style race Sunday, three years after winning the same distance in the Lillehammer Winter Olympics south of Trondheim. She will now be stripped of her medal and barred from these championships. She also is likely to be banned for two years.

Jazz, Knicks game ridden with nasty play

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The New York Knicks came to Utah and brought their physical style of play with them.

The Jazz had the scars and stitches — and even a little scandal — to show for it after they beat the Knicks 110-99 Tuesday night in a nasty game that featured nine individual technical fouls.

"Everybody would prefer to have a cakewalk every night, but I expect to get hit and to hit back," Karl Malone said. "Any time you play those guys, they'll make you play harder ball or else you'll get run off the court."

Malone scored 33 points, Jeff Hornacek 21 and John Stockton 18 for the Jazz, who closed the game with a 16-5 run after the Knicks rallied from an 18-point deficit to tie it at 94-all.

Utah had 17 steals, including five by Stockton, four by Malone and three by Bryon Russell, and Greg Ostertag had 13 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots.

The Jazz scored 19 of their 31 fourth-quarter points from the foul line and went to the stripe 41 times in the second half.

Patrick Ewing had 28 points and John Starks 21 for New York, which committed 27 turnovers and dropped to 2-2 on the fourth stop of a six-game road trip.

"The Knicks play a game where they try to get away with pushing and shoving and playing physical, and most teams won't respond to it," Jeff Hornacek said. "But we knew our team wasn't going to back down, and I think they didn't anticipate us fighting back like that."

Stockton suffered a cut next to his left eye late in the game, but returned for the final 90 seconds. He said the cut came on an inadvertent elbow, but he wasn't so accepting of a flagrant foul by Charlie Ward with 7.4 seconds left on a breakaway layup.

When it happened, Stockton turned to Ward like he was about to charge after him. Instead, he regained his composure, went to the line and sank both shots, making him 11-for-11 in the period.

"I think that play spoke for itself, so I'm not going to get into it any more than that," Stockton said.

"The last one was uncalled for — the game was over and it was a breakaway layup," Hornacek said. "That's their style, they've been playing that way for years and that's to be expected from them."

Malone, who pulled his hamstring in the first quarter, also got cheap-shot by Ward in the third quarter when he was flattened near midcourt on a pick.

"He's a football player, and they're used to getting away with those," Malone said. "The ref said he didn't see it."

Malone said the hamstring injury will not keep him out of Utah's next game Thursday against Toronto.

Players were complaining to the refs all night about fouls and cheap shots that supposedly weren't seen, and the officials responded to all the complaining by calling nine technical fouls — but none for an illegal defense or delay of game.

Charles Oakley, Buck Williams, Allan Houston, Chris Childs and Starks drew technicals for the Knicks; Antoine Carr, coach Jerry Sloan, Chris Morris and Malone had technicals for the Jazz.

"For a period of time, every call was being disputed, and that's not going to leave you with a very long fuse," Knicks coach Jeff van Gundy said. "It was tough game to officiate."

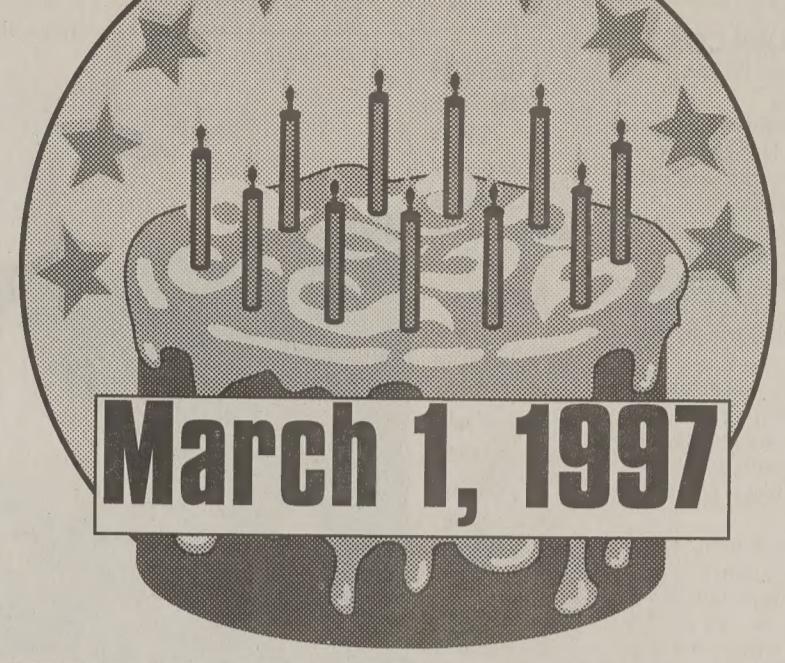
There were no ejections, except for Sloan sending Morris to the showers early in the fourth quarter after Morris was burned on several consecutive plays by rookie John Wallace as New York was coming back with a 17-1 run.

Sloan motioned three times for Morris to leave the bench, and when the player refused, Sloan sent two Delta Center security guards to escort Morris to the locker room.

Morris left the building by the time the game ended, and Sloan refused to comment.

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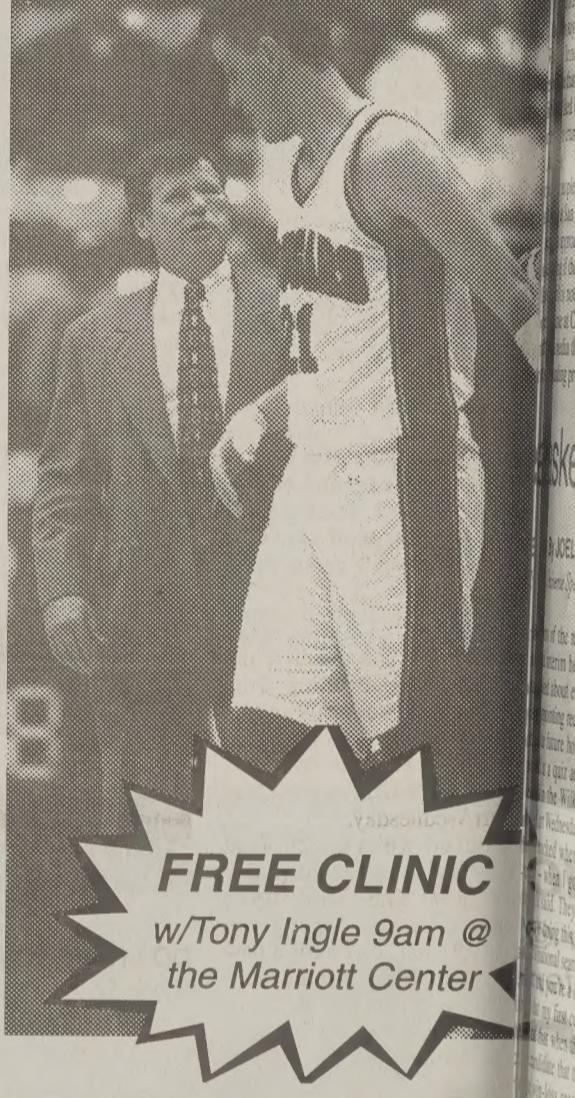
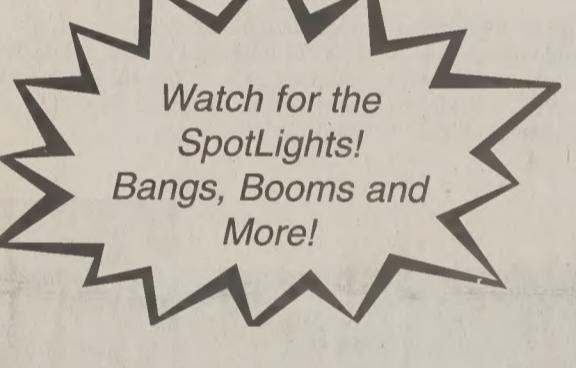
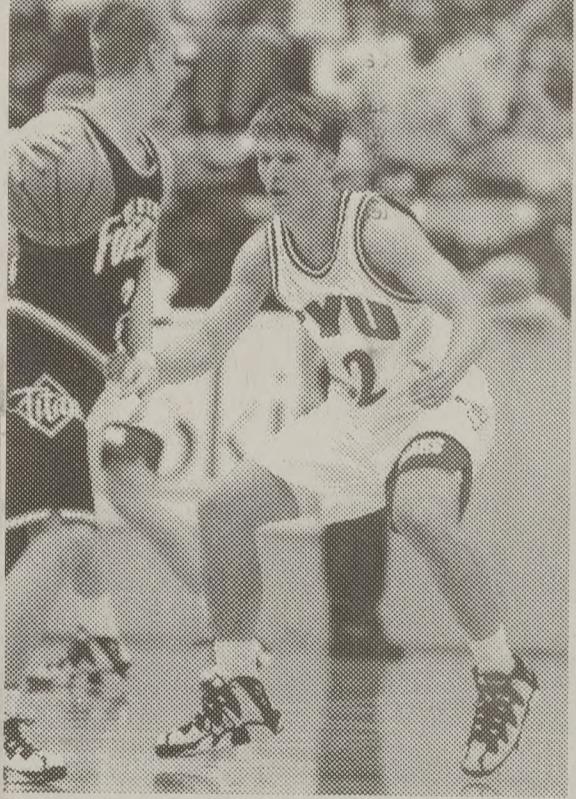
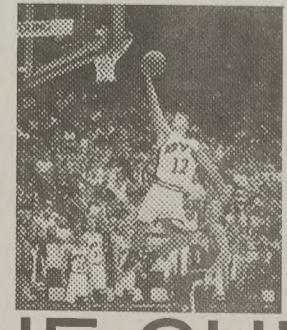
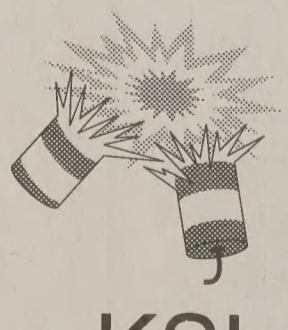
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It's no joke — Ingle is the best

Quick hiring of interim coach will rectify the Reid disaster

BYU basketball does not need a coaching change. This is the most talked about coach in the state of Utah. He is now coaching the most talked about basketball team in the state of Utah. It doesn't matter that the University of Utah is ranked No. 5 in the country. It doesn't matter that Mike Majerus is a supposed genius of basketball or that Van Horn is going to be a lottery pick. People want to see Ingle and BYU basketball. (Recent Daily Herald and independent Internet polls have confirmed this.)

Some say Ingle should not have the chance to coach after this season. This is wrong. Nobody deserves the chance more than Ingle. He has worked for it and now he deserves the chance to continue on.

There are a lot of factors figuring in this decision. This is a simple, cut-and-dried issue. There are many people's lives being affected by this move. It doesn't matter who gets the job. Some people will be very angry either

or a chance for Rondo Fehlberg, a hard-working, determined athletic director to regain his reputation. Not all is for Fehlberg — in fact, most of it is. But he still has to remember what happened in the Roger Reid fiasco. It was handled very badly and it tarnished his reputation a bit.

Those that believe somebody else is better than bringing in the big name will restore his credibility. They think Jim Harrick, the former UCLA coach, is the wise choice. He can recruit, he has won the national championship, he has coached in a big-time program. He will bring glory to BYU.

Fehlberg thinks this is the way to make it all right, he is right. Harrick was fired by UCLA for breaking rules. They were small infractions, and the school was probably trying to nail him for a long time, but it doesn't change the fact that he is tainted goods. Besides, BYU has Bradford Harrick (or Danny Ainge, for that matter.)

People say Jeff Reinert, the USVC coach, is the best candidate. Reinert is not LDS, and the chances of bringing in someone that is not a member of the church is slim. Reinert is disliked by many in the valley, but his teams have lost in crunch-time and his coaching abilities are still in question.

Other people say Stew Morrill at Colorado State or Fred Trenkle at San Diego State would be the right choice. CSU approached by Fehlberg in the last couple of days, and if they will let him talk to Morrill. The problem is Trenkle is not an active member of the church, and what is so impressive? Trenkle is worse media than Reid was. Since when did SDSU have a standing program?

basketball queries answered at Q&A

By JOEL WHITE
University Sports Writer



Shannon Henry/Daily Universe

DO I HAVE TO ANSWER THAT? BYU interim basketball coach Tony Ingle fields questions along with players Lance Archibald, Matt Montague and Justin Weidauer at Wednesday's Chalk Talk. The Cougars finish the season this week against New Mexico and UTEP.

We could, we should and we will be one of the best teams in the country."

"I'm convinced this team will go down in history as one of the best basketball teams in BYU history," Ingle said.

"They'll be remembered. There will be more firesides, family home evenings and general conference talks about these guys than any other team."

"They've been a little better since the firing," said Archibald.

Montague and Justin Weidauer said that coach Ingle is a little better than coach Reid. "I always look at the numbers," Weidauer continued. "Yeah, he was successful, but he had great coaches. Coach Ingle is much better than coach Reid and that's why he was so successful."

He also spoke about keeping a positive attitude in the face of

failure. "It's hard if you focus on wins and losses," Archibald said. "It's just about these guys. That's the

most important thing (on the team) gets Montague added. "Coach Ingle is a lot about each player."

"I don't know what he would do if he got the coaching job," Ingle said. "Rome wasn't built in a day and it's not built by one person."

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Title IX opened doors for women's sports

By MARK D. STRINGHAM
University Sports Writer

A recent Sports Illustrated issue announced that 1996 was "The Year of The Woman."

The participation and opportunities for women in competitive sports has never looked brighter. The Summer Olympics and the newly formed Women's National Basketball Association are only a few current examples of how far gender equity has come.

It wasn't long ago that society said women had no place on the playing field — unless you had pom-poms and a mini-skirt.

The catalyst for gender equity in women's sports can be attributed to many factors, but the increase in opportunities began when congress passed "Title IX" in 1972.

The regulations of Title IX state, "no person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal aid."

In commemoration of its 25th anniversary this year, you might wonder how Title IX has influenced college sports or even how gender equity has affected the BYU sports program.

Think of it this way — the attitude of women's sports has changed from June Cleaver to Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Former BYU women's athletic administrator, Lou Wallace, said the early days of women's athletics at BYU was nothing like it is today. "Girls didn't have the same opportunities as men," she said.

Wallace also said that women didn't even have regular competitive schedules with other teams. "They used to have only three or four competitive experiences a year," she said.

These "play days" allowed women to participate against other local competition but were not comparable to the men's national competitions.

"Sports was a man's domain," Wallace said.

Even with the law in place, Title IX was rarely enforced.

Budgets in men's athletics and scholarships reflected great discrepancies. Women's athletics simply did not have the popularity nor the funds to compete with the men.

The Office of Civil Rights has enforced specific guidelines to help educational institutions and athletic programs provide gender equity.

Test #1. Financial assistance (scholarships) must be awarded based on the number of male and female athletes. The total amount of athletic aid must be substantially proportionate to the ratio of male and female athletes.

That statement simply means that if, for example, BYU's athletic programs are comprised of 52 percent women and 48 percent men, the women would receive 52 percent of the funding.

Test #2. The selection of sports and level of competition must effectively accommodate student interests and abilities.

"That was the reason we added soccer two and a half years ago," said Elaine Michaelis, the women's

athletic administrator at BYU, who said interest in the sport was on the rise.

Michaelis also said the University conducts interest surveys to find ways to best serve the athletic interests of the student body.

Test #3. "All other benefits, opportunities and treatments afforded sports participants are to be equivalent, but not necessarily identical."

The women must have the same opportunities as men. Wallace said, "We just wanted equal opportunity, good competitive schedules, and equal travel accommodations."

Athletic programs do not have to comply with all guidelines to avoid penalty, but they must be in compliance with a combination of the tests.

BYU has openly opposed the equal co-ed housing and moral privacy provisions of the legislation so it can maintain the LDS environment.

Michaelis noted that Title IX has helped promote women's athletics at BYU and across the country.

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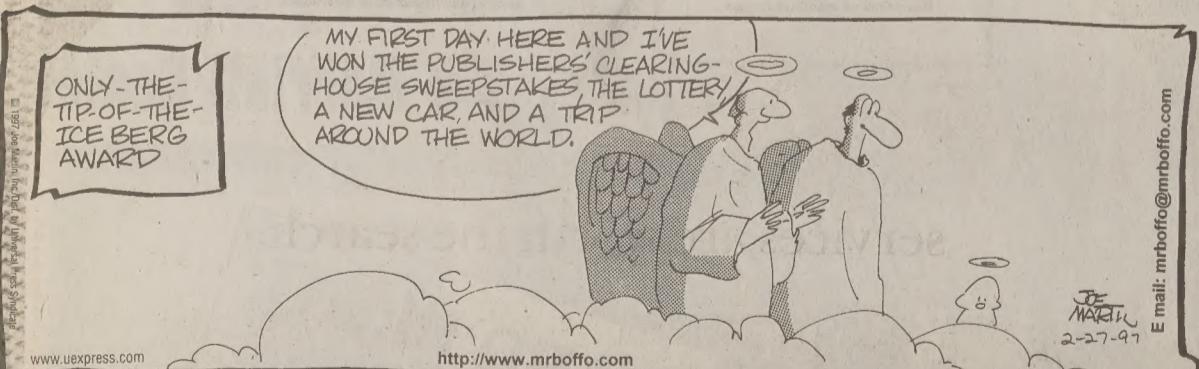
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residents

By ED QUINLAN
University Staff Writer

ing in small towns may surprise out-of-towners. Everyone waves as you pass — people stop Frisbee in the yard to watch by. Many residents in smaller county cities fear losing that sense of community.

loss of community feeling is greatest fear of some residents and city planners.

ash Fork city planner Greg Wick warns that as a city grows, it loses its character and identity as people become less involved."

nd the people are more anonymous and don't know one other. He people will work and live in as, only coming home to stay odd to sleep.

"rowth is a little too fast," said in Birmingham, a Spanish Fork of the new influx of people has a lot of new traffic.

aceless, Birmingham said she desire to move.

ngham doesn't feel the development has led to a loss of the closeness feeling, because it is growth from within. The consists of good people with standards.

nd these people help keep a safe and friendly community. People look out for each other and provides a strong sense of security.

have mixed reactions about growth, said Doug Bird,ville mayor's assistant.

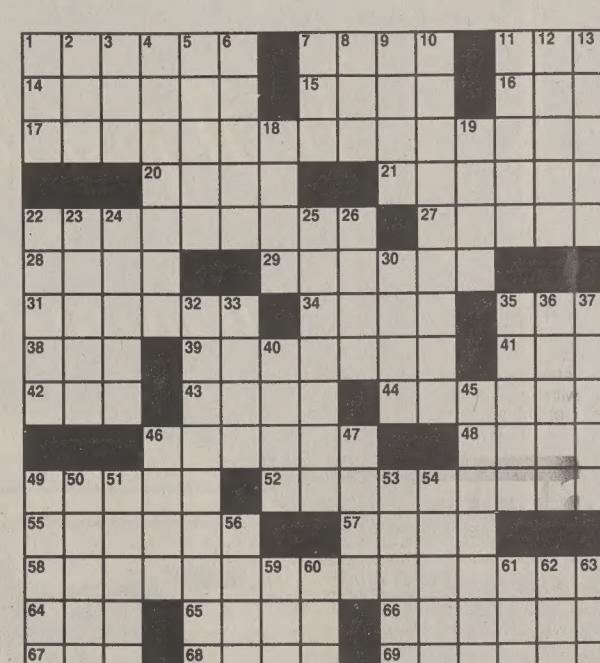
fear an increase in crime activity. Springville had police officers 25 years ago, the city has 17 officers,

Dick said city planners are trying to control the growth by effective land zoning and that cities need to keep residents working closer together in order to preserve a sense of community and belonging. He said the city is trying to attract more bland commercial employees to the area.

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35 Advanced deg.
38 Cockpit reading: Abbr.
39 Like the QE2
41 Work unit
42 Hardly a mark of distinction
43 Old pantry supply
44 Witt or Yamaguchi, e.g.
46 Yellow
48 Zippo
49 — salts
52 Ti
55 South American plains
57 Where to wear a muumuu
58 Queue
64 Suffix with absorb

DOWN
1 "Smoke"
2 — Khan
3 Cope play
4 Diplomat who negotiated an 1853 land purchase
5 Upright
6 Comparatively reasonable
7 Greek letter
8 Actor Chaney
9 Fit
10 Cue
11 She played Nell in "Nell!"
12 Stood
13 John Brown's Body' poet
18 Six, in Seville
19 Court plea, informally
22 It starts "Sing, goddess, the wrath of Peleus son..."
23 Full course
24 In crowd
25 Wandering
26 Actress Nancy
30 Crimson rivals
32 Tee

ACROSS
33 Reminder of a duel
35 "I want in!"
36 Sportscaster Musburger
37 Side (with)
40 Memorable periods
45 Forming a ring
46 First-class
47 Valley
49 Sitcom set in a bookstore
50 Author of "Historia naturalis"

DOWN
51 French toast ingredient?
53 Noon event
54 Colonel's insignia
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59 Gilbert & Sullivan princess
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New Jewish homes threaten peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Taking a gamble with Mideast peace, Israel approved plans Wednesday to build a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem despite U.S. misgivings and Palestinian warnings of violence.

The unanimous decision was announced following three hours of talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and 12 of his 18 Cabinet ministers.

Palestinian officials reacted angrily. "With this decision, Israel put the peace process in danger," said Yasser Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abourabdeh.

"Jerusalem is a ball of fire and if this ball of fire explodes it will burn all other things," Ahmed Abdel Rahman, the secretary-general of the Palestinian Cabinet, told The Associated Press.

Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh did not set a starting date for construction but said preparations could be completed within days. Israeli peace activists said they would appeal to the Supreme Court to block construction.

Israel's police and army deployed extra troops in Jerusalem and parts of the West Bank Wednesday in anticipation of Palestinian protests.

Last September, Palestinians rioted over Israel's decision to open an archaeological tunnel along Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem. Eighty people were killed in three days of battles between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian police.

Israel's decision to go ahead with the construction of 6,500 homes for Jews in east Jerusalem — the sector claimed by Palestinians as their future capital — appeared to have been timed to reduce the possibility of Palestinian protests.

By March 7, Israel is to complete the



AP photo

HOUSING CRISIS: A Palestinian youth lies in front of a bulldozer Feb. 12 to prevent it from flattening a house that Israel claims was built illegally in the West Bank. Housing disputes once

again threatened to disrupt the peace process Wednesday when Israel approved plans to build a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem.

first of three troop pullbacks in the West Bank as part of January's U.S.-backed peace agreement between Arafat and Netanyahu. Israel army radio said Wednesday that Netanyahu warned Arafat the withdrawal could be delayed if there was violence over the Har Homa project.

aged consumers to forward protest postcards to the German federal secretaries of agriculture and environment, Jochen Borchert and Angela Merkel.

"We've had the biggest response we've ever had with any of our Internet campaigns," Michelet said. "It's been tremendous."

Michelet said he is not aware of the OeDP contacting Monsanto directly. He said his organization's protest is aimed at German and European politicians.

"I will not argue that there is a lot of noise in Europe," Marshall said.

She believes the consumers' protests will calm down once the idea of genetic modification of food becomes more commonplace in people's minds.

While the German government has not reacted to the OeDP protest, environmentalists and consumer rights activists have been more successful in other European countries.

The Dutch government has been the first to announce in December that certain food products made from genetically altered soy beans must be labeled as such in the Netherlands. The label will read "containing soya protein manufactured on the basis of modern biotechnology."

Michelet said the OeDP also demands a clear labeling of all genetically engineered food sold in Germany.

According to Michelet, surveys have shown 94 percent of German consumers would prefer genetically modified food to be labeled as such. Seventy-seven percent would not consume genetically altered food at all if given a choice, Michelet said.

Marshall doubts the accuracy of the survey quoted by the OeDP. "It was sponsored by Greenpeace. Of course it's biased. As more products enter the European market, you will see that these numbers will change."

Arafat also plans to meet President Clinton in Washington next week, and U.S. officials told him he must not encourage riots over Har Homa.

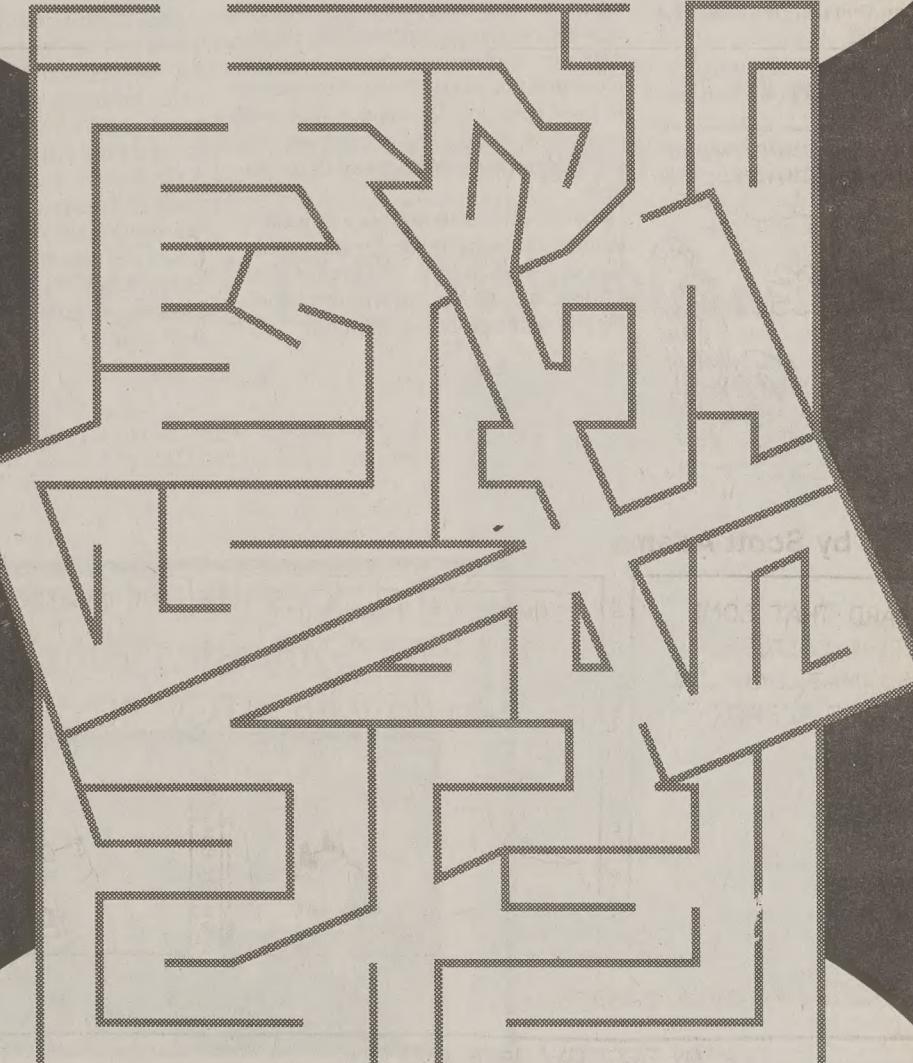
"We do not want to see violence occur," Edward Abington, the U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem, said Wednesday.

Abington also criticized Israel, saying it should not make unilateral decisions that complicate peacemaking. The future of Jerusalem is to be negotiated in talks on a permanent peace agreement that are to begin in mid-March.

Palestinians object to Har Homa — known as Jabal Abu Ghenaib in Arabic — because it will be built on land seized from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War. They also fear Har Homa would cut off Arab sections of Jerusalem from the West Bank.

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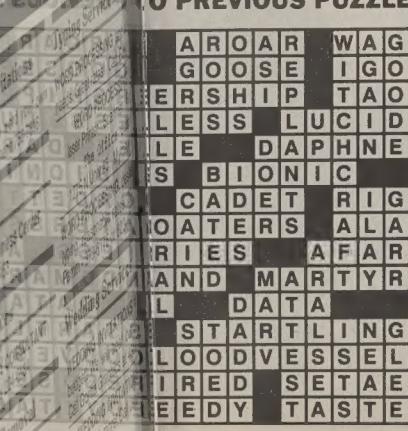


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Utah gun bill may be shot down when session ends

By SHAWN DICKERSON
Universe Staff Writer

A bill making gun education possible for elementary school students was sent to the Utah House of Representatives Rules Committee Tuesday, bringing into question its chance of being made into law because the legislative session is nearing its end.

The text of House Bill 83, sponsored by Rep. Bryan D. Holladay, allows school districts to provide gun safety education to students in grades kindergarten through fourth.

The fate of the bill is now in question because the House Rules Committee takes all undecided bills, near the end of a legislative session, and prioritizes them for return to the House floor. If House Bill 83 is not seen as vital for this session, it may not be sent back to the floor.

Holladay said the bill has a pretty good chance of returning to the floor, but could run into problems because it doesn't impact the state as much as a tax bill might.

"The bill is designed to set up a program where school districts may distribute posters and may educate students on gun safety," said Vinnie Aubrey, legislative intern to Rep. Holladay.

The bill states that student gun education would center around teaching children when they find a firearm to not touch it, to tell an adult about finding the firearm and its location, and to be able to share this instruction with any other children that may be with them.

According to Aubrey, the bill originally included a fiscal note, which is a monetary cost to the state, but has been eliminated in subsequent substitutions of the bill.

Holladay said the original edition of the bill provided for gun education to be administered by certified, trained volunteers, but that the bill's substitution allows for gun education to be offered by district approved volunteers.

"They just wanted it to be acceptable to use district approved volunteers," Aubrey said. "They can use teachers and that's probably what they'll do."

He said the bill now stands to give districts the opportunity to provide gun education, whereas its first draft had it as a mandatory action.

Rep. Holladay said the bill began when he was approached by two different groups.

"Two groups talked to me at the same time," he said. "One was the PTA and another was Women Against Gun Control."

Rep. Holladay said these groups felt a bill calling for gun education would be very effective, since it wouldn't offer information as to whether guns were good or bad, but simply how a child should respond to finding one.

He said the bill is designed to protect both children and the rights of those who own guns.

Should the bill not return to the House floor for a vote this year, Rep. Holladay said he would present it again next year.

God being ignored, President Hinckley says

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Americans are facing enormous consequences for rejecting God, President Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, told a military prayer breakfast.

"When we fail to acknowledge deity ... the all-important element of personal and national accountability shrivels and dies," President Hinckley said Tuesday at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City.

"Teen pregnancy, abandoned families, failure to recognize the property and rights of others, general incivility

have resulted in large measure, I am satisfied, from failure to recognize that there is a God to whom someday each of us must give an accounting," said the 86-year-old leader of the LDS Church.

The pilgrims made a pledge "in the presence of God ... to combine (themselves) together into a civil body politic," President Hinckley said, quoting from the Mayflower Compact.

George Washington attributed the establishment of the United States to an act of divine providence, President Hinckley said.

The United States is the only nation that states "In God We Trust"

on its currency and coinage, President Hinckley said.

Now there are those who are trying to ban the mention of God from courtroom oaths, oaths of office and even the Boy Scout oath. Such secularizing will have terrible consequences for the nation, he said.

President Hinckley recounted a recent trip to Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, where he visited several memorable sites of the Vietnam War.

The war was "the result of a system of government created under philosophy that ruled out God and declared that religion is only the opiate of the people," President Hinckley said.

U.S. House votes to reinstate aviation taxes

Associated Press

san support and easily passed the House and Senate tax writing panels earlier this month.

Without its passage, the Federal Aviation Administration's budget would run out of funds sometime in March, which would force it to begin canceling some long-term projects beginning March 1.

The bill extends through Sept. 30 a 10 percent tax on commercial airline tickets, a \$6-per-ticket tax on international departures, a 6.25 percent tax on domestic air cargo and excise charges on noncommercial aviation

fuel. These taxes bring about \$20 billion daily into the Airport and Air Trust Fund, which finances airport modernization.

The airline taxes have a twisted history. The taxes lapsed in January following the budget battle between President Clinton and the Republican Congress. They were briefly reinstated from Aug. 27 through Dec. 1 when they lapsed again.

It was unclear when the Senate would act on the bill, but Ways and Means staff said they expected an action.

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Utah welfare shifts focus to employment programs

By RYAN GEORGE

Universe Staff Writer

Utah and Wisconsin are leading the nation in converting their state welfare systems from entitlement programs to employment programs, where people are provided with the resources they need to become self-sufficient.

In Utah, the Department of Workforce Services will be established July 1 in an effort to downsize and simplify the welfare and employment services provided by the state.

Six Utah agencies will be brought into the new department, making a new one-stop program possible. Current welfare recipients are often required to go to five or six different agencies to apply for and receive state services.

House Bill 269, Family Employment Program, passed Tuesday in the state House of Representatives. It was one of two bills needed to establish the Department of Workforce Services. Senate Bill 166, which is called Workforce Services Implementation and Amendments, will be on the floor of the Senate today.

"Those are the two biggies that get the department up and going," said Mason Bishop, director of public affairs in the Department of Workforce Services.

"We're trying to do away with the concept of welfare, where you get paid to not work," said Lt. Gov. Olene Walker. Walker was the chairman of the Workforce Task Force, a group assembled by Gov. Mike Leavitt in 1994 to explore the possible changes that could be made in the state's welfare program.

Besides streamlining six government agencies into one, the Department of Workforce Services will provide training programs to help welfare recipients gain valuable skills so that they can re-enter the workforce. It will also help them find employment and affordable housing.

"Whatever it takes to make people self-sufficient," Walker said.

Under the direction of Gov. Tommy Thompson, the state of Wisconsin has established a department similar to Utah's called the Department of Workforce Development.

"The goal in Wisconsin has been to create a system where families will thrive, not survive. By providing a job and the support needed to get there and be successful, the next decade will see the end of welfare in Wisconsin — not of welfare as we know it — but the end of welfare," Thompson said.

As officials in Utah and Wisconsin have both been working to reform welfare, there was an initial sharing of ideas that took place between the two states, said Bob Gross, executive director of Utah's Department of Workforce Services.

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